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Application No.: 09/598,201

Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

Filed: June 21, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2624

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, and in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 26.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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